

Abstract

A method and apparatus for establishing communication
(across a network) between a first network device and a
second network device apply policy data received from a
5 policy device (e.g., a policy server), thus offloading
significant functionality from the policy device.
Offloading such functionality reduces the processing
required by the policy device, thus improving network
performance. Such systems permit network access admission
10 control in a scalable manner.

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